All seven positions to be contested in election

By DOUG SMITH
Staff Writer

For the first time in recent history, the Student Administrative Council (SAC), will have all seven positions contested in an election.

Elections are usually marked by mass acclamations, but this year, two full slates of candidates have been nominated, along with two independents, ensuring a contest for each position.

The two slates of candidates have a nominee for each position while the independents are nominated for president and vice-president of internal affairs.The election is this Thursday.

The News interviewed each of the three candidates for president, asking them the reason they decided to run for election, what they plan to do if elected, and the major problem they see facing Niagara College.

The three candidates are Bev Morin, a second year personnel management student who is running as part of a slate; Keith Neve, a second year radio television student running as an independent; and Jim Walter, a first year business administration student running as part of the business party ticket.

The first question the News asked the candidates was their reason for running.

Bev said she was running with the intent to improve relations between students and their government.

"I think there is a lot that can be done by SAC that isn't being done," she said."Better relations between the students and SAC have to be worked upon."

"SAC has to go to the students; they expect the students to go to them too much."

Keith said he will combine his interest in the job with past experience.

"I'm very interested in the position," he said. "I've been involved in SAC affairs before and I think I can do the job."

Jim also said he has a great interest in the job, and has experience to back him up.

"I have a genuine interest in student activities and, dating back to high school, I've always been actively involved in the administrative chores," he said.

IF ELECTED?

Asked what they would do if elected, none of the three made any promises, but all have some changes they would like to see implemented.

Keith said he would like to see "increasing awareness in the satellite campuses by SAC working with the satellites. The satellites have been drifting apart more and more," he said.

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SAC election candidates

President:	Bev Morin Keith Neve Jim Walters
Executive Vice-President:	Terry Thompson Ken Wegelin
V. P. Finance:	Mark Anderson Valerie Nieuwesteeg
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Open House best ever

Gardeners from around the peninsula found a portion of their gardening needs met at the 10th annual Open House and Spring Flower Show held at the Horticulture division in St. Catharines. The Open House saw thousands of people pass through its halls March 10 and 11, with many stopping off at this greenhouse, shopping for that plant that they couldn't find anywhere else. For stories on the Open House, and Horticultural Update '79, see page 10. (Photo by Epp)

Layoffs due tomorrow

Names and numbers of teachers and other staff to be laid off because of financial restraint at Niagara College will be released tomorrow by the College administration, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

Niagara's management will discuss staff cuts with union presidents before they are made public.

The layoffs are the result of restrictive government operating grants which force the administration to make staff reductions to meet a balanced budget.

Operating grants announced Feb. 22 by the minister of colleges and universities, Dr. Bette Stephenson, totalled $12,038,565. This represents an eight per cent increase over last year's grants of $11,146,819. Niagara also received $320,000 to be used in French-related programs and courses.

The first budget requests from college departments totalled $1 million above expected coellege revenue. Miss Robarts told a Board of Governors' meeting Feb. 20 that spending must not increase more than five per cent above last year's total operating revenue.

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Retraining revenue drops by $250,000

Canada Manpower has reduced its purchase of seats at Niagara College school of retraining by 11,000 over last year, a reduction which cuts Welland Vale's revenue by $250,000 this year, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

New seat purchases for September could ease the situation but, in the meantime, the retraining budget is the most difficult financial problem confronting the college, she said.

New courses have been instituted, teachers have been hired and new equipment has been purchased and not utilized to full capacity, Miss Robarts said.

George Egan, St. Catharines Manpower manager, said he had not reduced the number of seats purchased; Niagara's dilemma is "their problem, not ours," he said.

FROM FIVE CENTRES

The college receives Manpower students from five centres throughout the region: Fort Erie, Port Colborne, Niagara Falls, Welland and St. Catharines, Gary LaRose, college treasurer, said. "We seem to be down in all of them."

The ministry of colleges and universities spent almost $350,000 on Welland Vale retraining last year, but this year Manpower reduced its number of seats (training days per student) by 11,000 effective April 1, Mr. LaRose said.

Seats at Welland Vale are purchased by Manpower on a per student per day basis.

He said Welland Vale has geared itself for year-round courses but Manpower has only made part-year purchases. The problem is that facilities and teachers may not be used for the remainder of the year if more purchases are not made.

DISCUSS PROBLEM

J. D. McCurry, chairman, divisional services in the school of retraining, said government and Regional Manpower officials are discussing the problem. He said Niagara College has expressed its concerns to Manpower.

Mr. McCurry said Manpower is only committed to the end of August and may purchase more seats for courses beginning in September. New purchases would relieve some of the financial strain, he said.

Mr. Egan said he has not reduced any purchases significantly from last year. "I haven't done anything but increase purchases," he said.

"We've added purchases in the industri-

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Niagara receives $320,000 grant for francophone programs, staff

Niagara College will split almost $1 million in francophone grants with four other Ontario community colleges.

Niagara received $320,000 from the ministry of colleges and universities to assist French-speaking students requesting programs. Books and tapes, French academic upgrading courses in retraining, smaller francophone classes, French staff development and improvement and a new French-speaking librarian are some possibilities for the grant" money, Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said.

Miss Robarts said the francophone grants were a real surprise to her and the administration. "We're not sure if we can use it all," she said. "We're meeting with all the deans and schools next Wednesday (March 21)."

Administration officials at the academic meeting on Wednesday will discuss ways to use the money. "We have to send in a budget and what we can't spend will go somewhere else," Miss Robarts said. If there is any excess money from the grants, it will be allocated to another school, she said.

HELP COMPREHENSION

Miss Robarts said some students who come to Niagara with a French background have trouble understanding English. She said some of the grants will be used to help students with English language comprehension problems. Welland has about a 15 per cent Francophone population, Miss Robarts said.

I. J. Giancarlo, dean of applied arts, said Niagara has been offering a number of French courses for the Francophone and English population of the community, including civil service French, levels 1 and 2. Funding for previous French-related projects was provided through special grants and assistance from the provincial government,Mr. Giancarlo said.

The recent $320,000 is over and above the assistance previously received from the ministry of colleges and universities, Miss Robarts said.

Some prior grants were used to research the needs of the community's francophone population, create a French theatre program, appoint a liaison officer between the college and the community and build up French material in the resource centre, Mr. Giancarlo said. Other government funds were also used to help develop and improve staff's ability to use French, he said.

Mr. Giancarlo said Niagara received the large allotment because of the high French population in Welland and because of previous involvement and development of French at the college.

The other three colleges are Georgian, Barrie; St. Clair, Windsor and Sault College.

Another Hort display

English teachers meet at Brock

Establishing a consultative mechanism for discussion of objectionable books in the reading curriculum of educational bodies received wholehearted support during the annual Niagara Region English Language conference held at Brock University.

Dennis Malone, chairman of English at Niagara and this year's chairman and conference organizer, said, "A bridge mechanism between parents and teachers on books provides a public forum once a year when they can voice objections through definite channels of communication."

Mainly involved with workshops on the use of the English language, approaches to teaching, composition and evaluation of written work, the English conference is "fairly practical since the delegates like to take things away with them. There was really nothing for the public schools this time. The focus was on high school and post-secondary institutions," Mr. Malone said.

One example he pointed out was the availability of an English 440 practical outline which new instructors found helpful in setting up their daily teaching schedules.

One workshop on essay writing and evaluation involving university-level criteria was "very helpful," Mr. Malone said. "It makes the high schools aware of the concerns of university people and sensitizes the university to the high schools. It was a very popular session."

Guest speaker for the event was Dr. David Stewart, head of modern languages at Trent University, Peterborough. He is also associated with the Peterborough chapter of the Renaissance group, "a conservative, parent-pressure group that has attempted and occasionally succeeded in removing texts from high schools," Mr. Malone said.

His address, "Balance and Freedom — How Should We Choose the Books our Children Study?" showed Dr. Stewart to be "highly intelligent, articulate, logical and moderate," Mr. Malone said. Such an approach served to sway a number in the audience who found it difficult to argue with Dr. Stewart since his stand was so persuasive and non-radical.

"What the parents may be aiming at is trying to bring in positive literature with strong role models, to set up a clear moral value system to balance with the negative," Mr. Malone said.

The difficulty with such a system, however, is the basis in Christian-Judaeo teachings which may be "ethical brainwashing if all the students aren't from the same background," Mr. Malone said.

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"General student interest I would like to see raised," he said. "I would like to see the students get a chance to get together and socialize."

Jim would not make any promises, but hoped to take care of all student needs in the coming year.

"It's not my intention to make any grandiose political promises that I feel no one on the platform is in the position to make and keep," he said. "We have a lot of talent, and myself and members of my party through our combined efforts, are hoping to work in conjunction with the student body to satisfy all of our needs."

Bev would like to attempt to revise the constitution so that class representatives would be able to vote at meetings.

She said class reps "resent" the fact they "can go to the meetings and not vote." She would also like to initiate floating meetings to different campuses, as well as setting up suggestion and complaint boxes on the campuses.

The third question asked the three candidates was what they thought was the major problem at Niagara today.

The major problem is that there is not enough student participation and the only way to rectify that is to have as many activities as possible," Jim said.

But Bev felt the most important problem was the fact that SAC waits for students to come to it.

"To me, the biggest thing wrong is that SAC expects the students to go to them," she said. "SAC is there for the benefit of the students, not for a good time."

Keith found student interest, or the lack of it, the most pressing problem.

"The major problem is student interest," he said. "In a community college, it is hard to raise (interest) because it's hard to get students to stay after class."

The two slates have nominated candidates in each of the other six positions, and one other candidate is running as an independent for vice-president of internal affairs.

The candidates will be speaking in the Hamilton Room tomorrow at noon. Election day is Thursday.

Retraining revenue

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al training and only dropped about five per year in the commercial programs," Mr. Egan said.

He said he is not aware of any new equipment purchases made by the college. Mr. Egan said his training requests have not significantly reduced over the last few years.

Niagara's administration at Welland Vale geared for programs such as the new construction trade courses to run year-long; Manpower, however, is only purchasing part-year courses, Mr. LaRose said.

Niagara's policy of gearing and budgeting for programs to run continuously throughout the year is the problem.

Mr. LaRose said that even if the actual seat purchases in certain programs are not down, when they are spread over twice the time, the costs double.

If a teacher is hired, equipment purchased and classroom space made available, operation costs are incurred for the entire year, Mr. LaRose said.

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Cont. education division to integrate community ed.

Community education courses will be consolidated within the School of Applied Arts continuing education division in keeping with the organization existing in the other schools. Gail Hilyer will be chairperson.

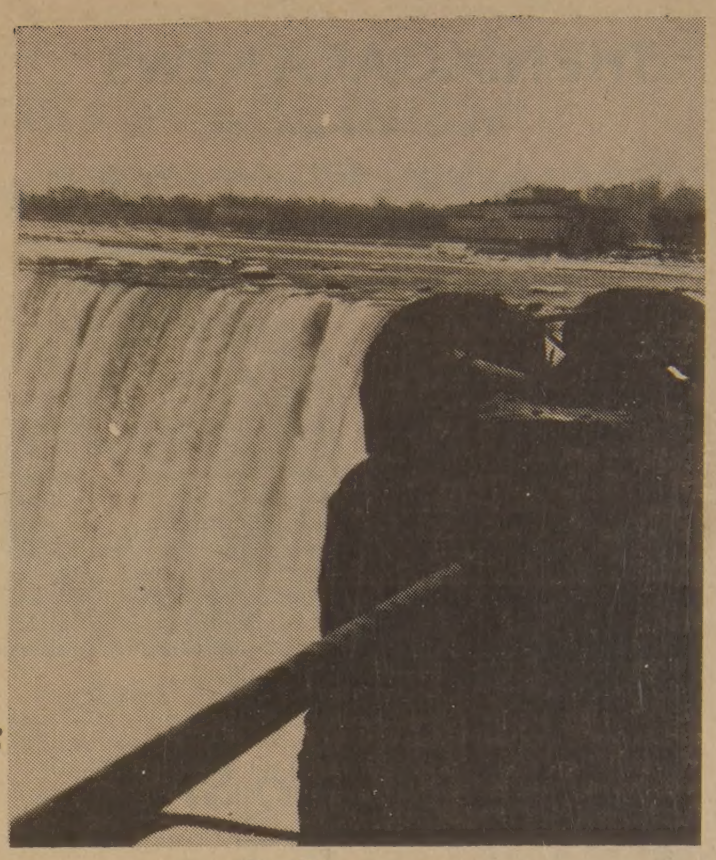
Two reasons for this change, I.J. Giancarlo, dean of applied arts, said, are to consolidate continuing education under one division and put more emphasis on labor and labor management studies.

It was inconvenient to have continuing education split because French grants had to be divided. Conflicts arose over which division should conduct certain seminars and some courses were duplicated in the two divisions, the dean said.

Dr. Eric Robinson, chairman of labor and labor management studies, will focus his attention on the Institute of Labor, Labor Management and Co-op Studies. This will allow him to personally co-ordinate the labor studies program and conduct seminars, conferences and develop electives.

tives in labor management and labor union relations will be offered to give people, ready for the working world, a background in an area "most know very little about."

The plan will be phased in during the month of April and "should make the school and both divisions stronger," he said. "The divisions can be integrated as in other schools."



Chilly waters

The coming of spring means this sight will become a favorite for many tourists who will visit the "Honeymoon Capital of the World," Niagara Falls. (Photo by Brodie)

SAC fund to renew

A trust fund, set up to save money to build a student union building, will be re-established this month when it comes due.

The fund, set up in 1976 and totals $23,089, comes due March 31 but the money will be put into another one-year fund so the next Student Administrative Council (SAC) cannot spend it any way it wishes, Jeff Adamson, SAC president, said.

At a meeting March 13, Jeff said SAC has decided to put the money back into another fund, which will be taken care of by a group of trustees.

SAC is still considering a student union building which may house a student recreation centre, Jeff said.

Any surplus from this year's SAC operating budget will also go to the trust fund, Jeff said.

New logo rejected by Board of Governors

By DOUG SMITH
Staff Writer

The Board of Governors has turned down a proposal that would give Niagara College a new logo, instead sending the design firm hired to do the job back to the drawing board.

Advertising Works, an ad agency in St. Catharines, had designed a new logo for the college and presented it to the board Feb. 27.

Response was not favorable and the firm is trying to come up with a more suitable logo.

The board was concerned about the clarity of the symbol, which was an interlocking N and C. Board vice-chairman Harry Picken said, "To me, you can't identify with the second letter (the C). If I was to stand on a street corner in Welland with it, no one would recognize it."

Wayne Hughes, a sales representative with the company, had proposed a total revamping of the college's "corporate image."

He proposed a new official crest, calendar and continuing education brochure along with the logo.

The point about the logo being unrecognizable is not really a factor, according to Mr. Hughes. He feels that if it were implemented, it would eventually become synonymous with Niagara college.

"What we are trying to do is create a symbol that means Niagara College," he said. "With many, many logos, if you take away the copy, it means nothing."

Bud McLaughlin, a member of the board, suggested holding a contest in the college community to find the right logo.

"I'm wondering about student input," he said. "Is it feasible? Do we have the artistic flair?"

The board made no decision on Mr. McLaughlin's idea, leaving it to Mr. Hughes to come back with another proposal.

Joining commission new SAC decision

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) of Niagara College favors joining with the other 21 community colleges in Ontario in an Ontario College Commission, but the final decision lies with next year's council.

SAC president Jeff Adamson said at a meeting March 13 he had been contacted about the idea to set up the commission to act as a liaison between the colleges and the ministry of colleges and universities.

Because no final decision has been made on the structure of the commission, Jeff said the decision on whether to join will have to be made next year.

The commission will be set up like the Ontario Federation of Students and will give the colleges a united front in dealings with the ministry, instead of having 22 colleges all complaining at the same time, Jeff said.

REPRESENTS ALL

There should be no fear of Niagara being overrun by other larger colleges because the commission will comprise SAC presidents from the 22 Ontario colleges. From these presidents, representatives will be appointed to the commission, Jeff said.

"I like the idea," Jeff said, because it will make for smoother complaint procedures. If all colleges are trying together to make a point, it's mass confusion.

The province will be divided into regions, with one commission member being responsible for a region, Jeff said. This commissioner will act on behalf of the colleges in his region.

There will be a cost for joining this commission, but this is a fact that the next council will also have to take into consideration.

George did it too

The Niagara News has learned another campus electrician, George Stong, also helped with the work done on the theatre lighting system.

Mr. Stong, with electricians Glenn Brooks and instructor David Gould, worked on the lights and repaired each part of the dimmer rack separately.

Last day

The last day of classes for all full-time students in the Winter term at Niagara College is wednesday, April 24.

$1,250 Arts Council grant for NC's Celebrate Canada

Niagara College has been awarded an Ontario Arts Council grant of $1,250 as part of its revenue for the Celebrate Canada Festival.

The grant was awarded in conjunction with a number of participants who attended the festival, enabling them to come and perform. The Ontario Arts Council uses the awards to encourage artistic and economic activity.

"We didn't go into a large deficit, if indeed, any at all, and we stayed within the budget that has been approved by the college management committee," Gail Hilyer, festival convener, said. "I'm not expecting any deficit at all."

The festival was funded by various grants, donations and monies raised through college activities. They included grants from the Student Administrative Council, the Welland City Council, the Welland Labor Council, a special French grant and the Ontario Arts Council grant. Other sources included the hooked rug lottery, Pounds for Canada, Peripatetic Pedagogues' Plod, a percentage from the Arts and Crafts show, the Cabaret revenue and donations from local industries. There are still some grants outstanding.

Judy replaces Kay

The position of secretary to the English Division chairman, left vacant in February, was filled last Monday by Judy Ventresca, former secretary in the labor and management studies division.

Mrs. Ventresca, replacing Kay Steele who resigned last month after the support staff strike, began working at Niagara College in the fall of 1975. She worked part-time as a communications assistant in the information office and part-time in counselling.

'Niagara students honest,' Mary Ellen says

Thirteen students may be prosecuted for fraud under the Criminal Code of Canada this year for using false information on their student loan application forms, but Niagara College students are "honest" and have nothing to worry about, according to Mary Ellen Patterson, student awards officer at Niagara College.

"Niagara College students are honest," she said. "If the figures look reasonable there should be no problems. However, if false information is used deliberately, it is up to the courts to determine whether it is error or fraud."

The federal government was asked to look into the possible fraud cases after a Feb. 20 public accounts meeting of the ministry of colleges and universities when loan repayments and fraudulent information were discussed.

Sidney Handleman, member of the committee, said in an interview after the meeting, governments have been too soft on students filing fraudulent information and should prosecute. The current system where governments simply try to reclaim the payments is no deterrent because, "if all you have to do is pay back what you stole in the first place, then there's no deterrent to stealing," he said.

$1,000 PENALTY

Section eight of the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) form states clearly the $1,000 penalty for filing false information and the liability of prosecution under the provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada for fraud.

"It would be terribly foolhardy to put down false information when the governments have the authority to check," Mrs. Patterson said. One of the new OSAP procedures this year is the signing of a tax waiver the ministry can check against Revenue Canada tax data for verification.

Any glaring discrepancies in applications were almost always the case of honest mistakes, Mrs. Patterson said. Seventy-five per cent of the applications had to be sent back for correction because of omissions, errors or misunderstanding the figures required.

The section concerning financial data of the student and/or parents was often filled incorrectly. Instead of using the precise figures from the 1977 income tax returns, applicants either rounded off the figures or estimated their present income. Gross assets were also considered this year, and any figures that did not appear to be correct were sent back for verification.

Since it is between the bank, the student and the government to arrange payment procedures after the loan is negotiated, Mrs. Patterson is not aware of any Niagara College students being prosecuted for non-payment or fraud.

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'Congrats' to SAC for job well done

The news that there will be elections for all seven positions in this week's Student Administrative Council (SAC) elections is the best news of the year.

Could it be that students are finally coming out of their apathetic state and will be taking an active role in the student government of Niagara.

It's good to hear there are at least 16 interested students who are willing to run for election because, in past years, getting just seven people for nominees has been like pulling teeth.

I don't know why these students have come out this year, but I do have one idea.

It could be because this year's SAC has tried its best to get students involved in college activities.

They have put on a wide assortment of activities from pubs to winter carnivals to formals. While not all of them have been well attended, at least SAC tried and for this I give them full marks.

They have tried to get all students involved in all things and have gone out into the community to promote Niagara College. Another job well done.

They have been accessible, always ready to help and give advice to any student with problems or questions. And this help has been invaluable.

They have supported a number of clubs, both financially and with advice. Congratulations, again.

Thanks to them, the future of SAC looks bright and next year's council will be hard-pressed to repeat this fine year.

So, Jeff, Barb, Diana, Gary, Brian, Roseanne, Gail, and Debbie, good luck in the future and thank you for a good year.

Doug Smith

Journalism grads bid farewell to NC

This graduating class of journalism students have turned off their light tables for the last time. We are moving over for the first year journalism students to produce First Edition and this year's last two editions of the Niagara News. We are going out to field placement and employment with newspapers throughout the province.

Our two years at the college have been enlightening, not only in an academic sense, but from knowledge gained from personal experiences. Mistakes were made, but who is infallible?

We watched our first woman president develop a strong bond with students and staff. We learned how stress affected those involved in strike conditions. And we overheated the typesetter with stories that have upset some and cheered others.

The college saw the most complete coverage ever of the Celebrate Canada Festival in one newspaper edition last year when 26 enthusiastic students haunted the halls, gathering copy for their First Edition. Paste-up lasted three days.

This year's Christmas edition of 20 pages was the largest printed in the nine-year history of the Niagara News. And the five editions published during the support staff strike came close to fulfilling a dream of Austin Jelbert, journalism program co-ordinator — of going daily..

We have found Niagara College offers more in the way of educational experiences than can be found in any classroom. Thank you, but now we are reluctant to leave. **Pam Righton**

"I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." Voltaire

EDITORIAL PAGE

A walk into Spring

Every afternoon when the weather is nice, nursery school teachers take their class for a little bit of outdoor exercise in the form of a brisk walk around Niagara's campus. The children's hats, scarves and mittens will soon be discarded with the coming of spring, officially this Wednesday. The children are from the Early Childhood Education centre.

(Photo by Ploner)

St. Patrick's Day

Not just for the Irish

By MARGARET BOYD
Staff Writer

On March 17, 461, the day on which St. Patrick died, the sun shone for 12 days and nights — so legend goes.

March 17 has become a day of celebration for everyone, not just the Irish. Shamrocks, leprechauns and green beer are recognized as symbols of St. Patrick's Day. It is through legends and symbols that the holiday has endured.

The life of St. Patrick reads like an adventure story set against a backdrop of persecution. He was born in Britain in the fourth century; his father, Calpurnius, was an official for the Romans and a deacon in the Christian church. At the age of 16, Patrick was captured by Irish slave traders and taken to Ireland. He worked as a shepherd under harsh conditions but it strengthened, rather than weakened, his religious beliefs.

HAD VISION

Six years later he had a vision telling him to return to his home. He made his way back to Britain but later returned to Ireland with some missionary priests.

For three decades St. Patrick worked among the Irish, always opposed by pagan priests and Druids, who were strong in Ireland. He is credited with founding 360 churches, baptizing 12,000 people and ordaining many priests.

According to legend, St. Patrick drove all the snakes out of Ireland and into the sea. He planted a shamrock in the earth and explained the Trinity:

"Just as the shamrock has three leaves and one stem, so there are three persons — the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit."

He is said to have performed miracles in his contests with the druidical priests. Every locality in Ireland has varying myths and legends about the man who influenced the Irish mind and spread Christianity.

Wearing green on St. Patrick's Day or a shamrock pin are the most popular ways of commemorating the day. Green is the national color of Ireland and the shamrock is the national emblem of Ireland.

Anybody with "a touch of the Irish" can be found celebrating March 17 in style with green clothes, a shamrock in his lapel and most likely a glass of Irish whiskey or green beer in his hand. St. Patrick does, indeed, live on in legend.

Letter to the Editor

Appalled by editorial

Dear Editor:

I am appalled at the use of second-hand and inaccurate information in the editorial column of the March 12 Niagara News. I am referring, specifically, to the editorial by Doug Smith on the Theatre Centre's lighting system.

I am hardly "amazed" nor do I find it "hard to get used to the quality" of the re-vamped system. I can say safely that the system has not been used by the students of Niagara College's Theatre Centre, in classes or otherwise, since the system has been fixed. Where these quotes came from is a mystery to all of us.

The editorial seemed to say that the Theatre Program is adequatly [sic] equiped [sic] for another ten years. This is hardly so. The present lighting system, even though it works, is obsolete in design and capability. It has a very limiting capacity and any of the repairs made have no guarantee. We could, at any time, be "left in the dark" once again.

I feel it is wrong for the administration to think that this is the end of the problems with our lighting system. The articles by Doug Smith seems to express this satisfaction.

I would hope the accuracy in the reporting of news issues would improve in the future.

Sincerely
Kevin Melanson
Theatre Arts

Editor's note: Oh, how soon we forget. The Theatre Centre students, criticising editorial comment on repairs to the centre's lighting system, seem to have forgotten how the same editor championed the cause of the centre when it sought considerable financial assistance from the Student Administrative Council to replace the system. Even at that time, there were forecasts of severe financial restraints during the coming year. The editor could have taken an opposite stance, suggesting to the Board of Governors that if the program requires such large expenditures to keep the show on the road, then perhaps consideration should have been given to terminating it. Hey, what an idea, since that could mean savings of perhaps more than $150,000 a year, all things — salaries, operating expenses, repairs and administrative aggravation — considered.

Ooops

A story in the last edition on Betty Wilson-Zorzetto, new support staff union president, quoted Ms Wilson as she was the first union president from the Welland Vale campus. Sylvia Bagley, secretary to Andy Newbury at Welland Vale, was support staff union president before Kay Steele, who resigned following the support staff strike. The Niagara News apologizes for the error.

Ooops again

The free income tax service offered to students and senior citizens in the cafeteria by second-year financial management students was incorrectly stated in the March 12 edition to begin March 20. The service actually starts March 20 and ends March 29. The Niagara News apologizes for the error.

FEATURES

SURVEY / PROFILE

Survey shows

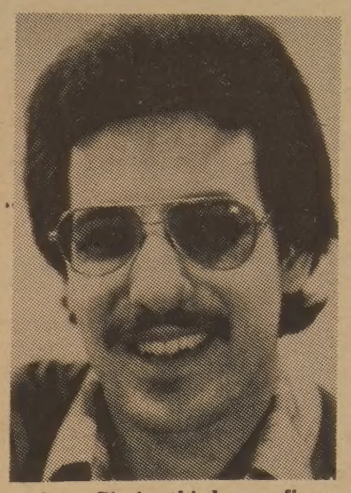
60% will vote in SAC election

By PAM RIGHTON
Staff Writer

Candidates in the Student Administrative Council (SAC) elections can expect better than 60 per cent turnout at the polls Thursday if findings of a mini-survey by second year journalism students is representative of student intentions.

A random sampling of students on campus revealed a cross-section of opinions, ranging from enthusiasm about the elections to uncertainty because of ignorance of the platforms candidates were putting forth.

The fact that all seven positions are being contested was one of the reasons the majority of students intended to vote. As one student put it: "There's nothing like a good race to start our (students') sluggish blood running."



Gary Gizzie, third year financial management student and SAC vice-president for athletics this year, said he would also be voting.

"I'm glad to see student involvement this year and that there are no acclamations. Hopefully, it will benefit the students next year," he said.

DISINTEREST TO IDIOCY

Thirty per cent of the students who were not voting gave reasons that ranged from disinterest to idiocy. One student, who laughingly admitted he had not attended classes for some time, asked what the letters in SAC meant. Another graduating student said she did not believe in an uninformed vote.

The 16 candidates will be speaking tomorrow at noon in the Hamilton Room. The position of president is being contested by three students.

Janet Pejskar, first year legal assistant, said she would also vote because "I'd like to see some changes."

Six per cent of the students interviewed were unsure of whether they would vote or not. One, who preferred to remain anonymous, said the location of the ballot box in the Merritt building was inconvenient because most of his classes were in the MacKenzie building.

"If a ballot box was within easy walking distance of our building, I'm sure there would be an even fairer representation." He said he had no intention of missing classes.

Valerie Nieuwesteeg, first year business administration, said she would be voting. "I feel it is important for everyone to participate and I hope everyone takes an interest."

An interior design student said he intended to exercise his "democratic right" in the elections. "I don't think anybody can complain about SAC if they don't vote."

Heather Morphet, first year general college, said she hoped to be able to vote. "I think it is important to participate."

Another said he would be taking a closer look at all candidates before voting.

"I think it's great that we have a choice this year. Let's just hope we make the right choice."

Francine DeMarchi, second year dental hygiene, said she would not be voting because she would not be returning. Nancy Chan, second year business administration, said, "I'm not interested."

Ray Toscani, second year electrical technician, said he would not be voting. "I am not coming back next year and I don't feel I have the right to dictate who is on SAC."

Sympathetic college nurse offers wide range of care

By PAM RIGHTON
Staff Writer

Nothing is going to compare with mother's chicken soup when you are sick. And the last thing you want to encounter is long and unsympathetic medical personnel.

You may encounter a long line before you see one of the doctors on duty at Niagara College's health centre, but you certainly won't be treated as a number. Marian Kerr, school nurse, greets anyone entering the clinic, for anything from aspirin to hand cream with a warm smile and a pair of twinkling blue eyes, a greeting that is sure to remind you of your mother.

It's no small wonder the petite woman feels comfortable with the college's age group. She has six grown children of her own.

Born and raised in Welland, Mrs. Kerr has worked at the college for nine years. She attended Welland High School and St. Joseph's in Toronto before completing her nursing education at St. Michael's School of Nursing in Toronto. Her training

MARIAN KERR

days may have been a bit different from those of today.

"We were thrown to the lions in our last year," she said. In the last year of the three-year course, the student nurses took charge of the wards during the night shifts, "taking up the slack" left by the nurses who had entered the war.

The second war, not the first," sl aid.

She worked as a registered nurse at the Welland General Hospital before marrying. Widowed when her youngest child was seven, she returned to work and found "a very pleasant job" at the college.

Now "strictly a putterer," Mrs. Kerr dabbles in oil painting and gardening during her off-duty hours. More active in the warmer weather, she enjoys walking and says people living in the area are crazy not to take advantage of all the scenic routes available.

REFORMED SMOKER

A reformed smoker of seven years, she wears an anti-smoker pin on her blazer. She thought she would be a fine example to her children. "Four smoke now, two don't," she said wryly.

Employment opportunities for nurses in Ontario? Mrs. Kerr feels it is unfortunate the Canadian nurses are going to the United States, but is optimistic about the future.

"Everything comes in cycles," she said. "Teachers are going through one now. Nurses will soon become scarce. Everything will work out."

Keeping her finger on the pulse of continuing education, Mrs. Kerr is looking forward to the professional development workshops slated for 72 community college nurses at Brock University in May.

A fair number of students frequent the health centre, Mrs. Kerr said, and obviously appreciate the service since the doctors are "very busy." The centre is well-stocked, capable of handling any emergency.

Health, weight and birth counselling is also available at the centre.

Students and staff members are also encouraged to keep up their tuberculin and tetanus shots.

After all, as any mother will tell you, staying healthy even beats chicken soup.

Morgan retires

Housewife's life

By JUDY SUGA
Staff Writer

English instructor Edward Morgan is retiring after 11 years at Niagara College to take on what he calls "a priveleged position — homemaking."

"I have accepted a new appointment as a homemaker for one of the female teachers at the college, a relation by marriage," Mr. Morgan, 68, said, adding he expects $20 a week and fringe benefits. His wife, Norah Morgan, is a drama instructor at Niagara and an expert in children's theatre.

He said teachers "are a very privileged group of people, since they have an assured income, a lot of free time and the privilege of educating the young." Before coming to Niagara, he taught for 10 years at Ridley College in St. Catharines.

Mr. Morgan, the first one in the province to be named senior college master and the only one at Niagara, said he got the job after meeting Niagara's president, Dr. G. W. Bowen, at a cocktail party. He said the college was "more paternalistic, like a big family," when he first came, with the president as "Big Daddy."

LIKES SMALL THINGS

When the college grew, "division and confrontation and all the other horrors that go with organization destroyed the original atmosphere," Mr. Morgan said. "I like small things."

Born in Northampton, England, on Christmas Day, 1910, he moved to Abergavenny, South Wales, where he met his wife. He said she "had the best legs in the high school," and when the two played in a tennis doubles tournament, their "devotion was sealed."

Originally attending college "for the ministry," Mr. Morgan was "thrown out for drinking and having unsound ideas," so he studied law and became a member of the law society in England.

EDWARD MORGAN

During World War II, Mr. Morgan was a navigator in bomber command and became a squadron leader, winning two distinguished flying crosses. He said he "fell in love" with Canada while in the country for flyer training.

After brief stints as an Oakville farmer, a partner in a frozen food locker plant business and a member of a legal publishing house in Toronto, Mr. Morgan was "persuaded" by friends to become a teacher.

A SPORTSMAN

A "keen sportsman," Mr. Morgan said he helped coach the college tennis teams the first two years here. He won the college tennis doubles with instructor Brian Green last year.

Mr. Morgan said his "chief hobby is keeping my wife happy."

"Anything which is of good in what I've done is due largely to her influence. She is a tremendous person."

Of his retirement plans, Mr. Morgan said, "after one hour of superficial housework and planning each day's menu," he will work on the seven acres of land he owns in Ridgeville, growing just enough fruits and vegetables for himself, his wife and the only son remaining at home.

Iverson returns to land of birth

Sheila Iverson, an instructor in the English department at Niagara College, will be leaving the college at the end of this term to return to Cornwall, England.

"I guess I'm simply going back to the land of my birth—to my roots," Miss Iverson said.

Miss Iverson said she is not leaving the college, after a four-year teaching term, because she finds any fault with the college, but said she feels it is about time to "do something different."

Miss Iverson said she has "thoroughly enjoyed" her time at the college, and she finds the English department is "really first-rate."

Although her plans are not completely formulated, Miss Iverson will be teaching part-time in England, and hopes to start a "tourism house for jaded Canadian academics," and encourages students and teachers to visit her in the future.

Exchange to England for hotel student

The Niagara College hotel school is involved in a unique exchange program with a college in England and the student who has just returned from England says she "would never trade the year."

Cindy Stone, a 21-year-old student at the hotel centre in Niagara Falls, told the Board of Governors at a meeting Feb. 27 the year she spent at High Peak College in Buxton, England, was "interesting."

EXCHANGE PROGRAM

"The exchange program is one I would like to see continued," Cindy said. "I helped them and they helped me a lot."

The biggest difference she found was the emphasis on the catering aspect of the hotel business in England.

"Over there, catering is a way of life," she said. "One thousand students at a high school there were interested in catering, but here only three in my high school were interested."

BRINGS ON FAST FOODS

Cindy attributes the lack of emphasis on catering here to the emergence of fast food restaurants as the place to eat. She also feels Canadians have something to offer the English on fast foods.

"American and Canadian fast food chains are so far ahead than they are, so we have something to offer them.

"But catering offers good career opportunities even here in Canada," Cindy said. "Half the students in our course don't know of the career opportunities in catering."

Another adjustment she had to make was to the strict regimen of classes at the English college. Students attended classes from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. everyday from September to July and students had to live in residences, complete with a house mother.

Cindy, being Canadian, was something of an oddity in England, but her new classmates soon got over all their apprehensions and the novelty of having a foreigner in class.

"Sure, at first everybody got a little sick of it (making the adjustment to having a foreigner in class) but at the end of the semester, I was treated just like anyone else."

Cindy was asked for a lot of opinions during her stay, and gave lectures to high school students on Canadian life while in England.

The whole program was an educational process, Cindy said, and the course was "not to change one another, but to learn from each other. I learned a lot from the people and I think it's going to help."

The Imaginary Invalid

Theatre becomes palace

Louis XIV lives again in Niagara's Theatre Centre. The first and second-year students will finish the year's productions with a grand style presenting The Imaginary Invalid.

"Ornate carvings, delicate tapestries, designs of gold and fine engravings, have transformed the entire theatre into a hall of Louis XIV's palace," Darcy McHayle, publicity officer for the centre, said.

The theatre changes were begun March 4. Since then, the students have been involved in nightly crews from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. with the exception of Wednesdays.

"They perhaps put more hours in here than in a real work situation," Mr. McHayle said.

Before set and costume construction began, students researched the Baroque period extensively to get the duplicates for large floral displays and the details of decorations.

Molliere's The Imaginary Invalid "lends itself to elaborate and exciting work in costume and set design," Mr. McHayle said.

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Ali Hakim, a Persian peddlar in the plaid suit played by Tony Mancuso, tells his friends how he proposed to the farmer's daughter while staring into the muzzle of her father's shotgun in the Port Colborne Operatic Society's production of Oklahoma, which ran from March 2 to 10 at Lockview Park Secondary School, Port Colborne.
(Photo by Ventresca)

Oklahoma! Total excellence

By JUDY SUGA
Staff Writer

Strong performances, good dancing and classic tunes such as "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning" made it oh, what a beautiful evening for the audience at performances of the Port Colborne Operatic Society's Oklahoma!

The play, which opened March 2 and ended March 10 at Lockview Park Secondary School, Port Colborne, was met with standing ovations and thunderous applause.

The year is about 1907, when Oklahoma became a state. The play opens with a bubbly, buxom Aunt Eller, played well by Donna Cutler, churning butter. MissCutler's strong voice matched her strong performance as the aunt of Laurey Williams, played by able and attractive Kim Watts.

Miss Watts' clear, high voice was a pleasure when she sang with her eventual husband Curly, played by Dominic Favero. The two, who were really in love, pretended they didn't care for each other and ended up attending a dance with partners neither liked.

Mr. Favero's voice was impressive, rising above the rest of the cast in the final production number, "Oklahoma."

HUMOUR TOO

The most humorous characters were Jane Little as Ado Annie, a flirt who lamented in song "I Cain't Say No," and Tony Mancuso as Ali Hakim, a Persian peddler who was always narrowly escaping shotgun weddings. Mr. Mancuso was hilarious as the man who tried to lure Annie into a town hotel with promises of "for you and me, baby, paradise."

Also giving good performances were Mahlon Longwell as Annie's father Andrew Carnes, and Lou Decompo as Will Parker, the man who wanted to marry Annie but warned her against any future infidelity.

Doug Straiton was excellent as Jud Fry, the tough hired hand who tried to force himself on Laurey and fell on his own knife after trying to stab Curly on his wedding night.

The dancers, under choreographer Shirley Yeszam-Tory, gave fine performances. Gary Sullivan, second-year radio and television student at the college, was excellent in his portrayal of Curly in the Out of My Dreams Ballet, in which Laurey dreamed that Jud overpowered Curly and carried her away.

The sets were remarkably realistic, and costumes looked authentic. The final scene was particularly effective when a surrey with a fringe on top was wheeled on stage, to carry Curly and Laurey off on their honeymoon.

Ken Prosser was the stage director for the production, and an excellent orchestra, led by Mark Fairchild, accompanied the cast.

Baldry to give free concert

Long John Baldry, that "grand old man" of contemporary British music, will perform a free concert in the college cafeteria Thursday, March 22, from noon to 2 p. m.

The founding father of Cyril Davies and the All Stars, the Hoochie Coochie Men and Steampacket, Baldry has seen band members come and go: Mick Jagger, Rod Stewart and Elton John, the most commonly known artists that have reached a height of popular success.

The six-foot, seven-inch frame of Baldry is impressive, with a powerful, resonant voice that moves easily from acoustics and electrifies blues to rock and roll.

Wife vs husband, family law decides ; Economic recognition a factor now

By PAUL WILSON
Staff Writer

No longer can a wife who discovers lipstick on her husband's collar expect the courts to award her enough of her partner's income to keep her living in comfort for the rest of her life.

Christina H. MacNaughton, a St. Catharines lawyer, is telling people what they can expect, should the lipstick lead to breakup, in a three-week program on family law being presented at Niagara College.

The mini-series is designed for anyone in the community who wants to learn more about the new Family Law Reform Act, 1978, and the potential impact these changes have on the marriage structure.

GOOD BRIEFING

Ms MacNaughton has given talks on family law throughout the Niagara Region. "The audiences are mostly female," she said. "And half of them usually have personal axes to grind. Taking a totally cynical view, they're mainly looking for free legal advice."

While she doesn't promise participants free counsel, Ms MacNaughton does say they'll be given a good briefing on their rights and status under both federal and provincial law.

She uses case studies to show how family law is actually working in the courts. In part one of the series which was held on Thursday night she illustrated a settlement where the wife received $300,000.

The case, Bregman vs. Bregman, had come before the Ontario courts last year. The couple involved were wealthy — the husband owning a business worth $2.8 million. The argument made for the woman's claim on her husband's assets was that she had contributed to his business by managing the household and the children.

"Mrs. Bregman even had full-time household help," Ms MacNaughton said. "But even though it might just have been a matter of her saying, 'Amanda take the kids to the beach while I go sailing,' her husband was still free from family management and free to run his business."

AN EXCEPTION

But the big settlements are an exception. Ms MacNaughton said the new family law act states the spouses should attempt to be self-supporting.

"It's now a matter of economic recognition. This equalizes the sexes a lot more. The marriage statement used to be one of the woman promising to be sexually available, and the husband promising to support her."

Ms MacNaughton feels the trend in settlements is towards retraining allowances. "The courts will say to the woman, 'O.K., you're getting divorced. After a two-year course at Niagara College you should be able to support yourself. Until then, your ex-husband will make payments.'"

The final session of the family law series will be held Thursday in the Lundy building at 7:30 p.m.

Children's involvement theatre

Islands, whales and storms

By MARGARET BOYD
Staff Writer

The realities of a storm-hit island pit 25 children and five adults against the elements. They decide to build a boat to travel to a distant island rather than stay.

Later, their boat, which is propelled through the waves by oarsmen and sails, meets another storm. The sighting of a whale and subsequent landing of another island provide them with a happy ending.

Five second-year theatre arts students, with the help of Norah Morgan, drama and theatre instructor, built a script for an involvement theatre event with third and fourth graders. Mrs. Morgan said there was no set script, the children were the ones who decided how it was to go.

The 25 Empire Street school children were divided into four groups with theatre students on March 8 at the Theatre Centre. It was the first time these theatre students had tried involvement theatre. Judging from the imaginative involvement of the children, both children and students benefited.

The theatre students decided on a subject matter, (usually a controversial subject) — in this case,whaling. The students were Renee Bertrand, Gina Giorgi, David Jackson, Alan Lee and Will Sutton.

After destruction hit, Mayor Barney, played by Will Sutton, held a meeting in the town square, and the children unanimously decided to go to Wally's island, where oranges grew as big as watermelons.

Schoolchildren and Alan Lee, a theatre arts student, raise the sail of an imaginary ship. (Photo by Boyd)

The four groups of net-menders, ship-builders, sail-makers and supply people set about collecting provisions, mending nets and sails and drawing up a ship blue print for the journey.

A whale sighting from the boat involved the children in another decision. Should they go after the whale or continue to Wally's island? The vote was a tie. They pursued the whale and reached an island.

Four of the students were involved with six or seven children each and Will Sutton provided musical entertainment on board ship, with his guitar playing and singing. Mrs. Morgan provided anecdotal background about Wally's island, and lighting control.

The involvement theatre with children was a project of second-year theatre arts students for a children's theatre course with Mrs. Morgan.

Instructor on sabbatical wants to work at Bolshoi

Tayie Abdel-Rehem, theatre instructor wants to work two or three months at the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow as part of his sabbatical. While his plans are not definite, the visit would be the highlight of his trip.

"There are whole new developments in theatre there, such as laser lighting," he said "To be involved with something of this calibre is my goal."

Mr Rehem also plans to go to the American University, Cairo, where he would hold workshops in design and scenic painting from September to November. From there he plans to go to Germany and work with several professional theatres for three months.

"Theatres in Germany are highly professional theatres," he said. "It would be a refreshment course for me to go back to where I was trained."

His plans to go to Moscow are tentative because he has not heard from the Bolshoi Theatre and his application for a Canada Arts Council grant has not yet been approved. Arrangements for the other places he hopes to visit also have to be completed.

TAYIE ABDEL-REHEM

"I hope things will work out," he said. "But I don't know."

Mr. Rehem said learning new things and getting back in touch with what is happening in professional theatre will be the main emphasis of his sabbatical.

"I would like to get back to professional theatre," he said. "I'm seeking new ideas and would like to discover what is new on the market."

Tom Strawford replaces Fraser on sub-committee of arts task force

Tom Strawford, chemical program co-ordinator for the college, has been appointed chairman of the Visual Arts sub committee for the Task Force on the Arts replacing Tom Fraser.

"The committee assesses any art forms which are donated to the college, and if they are accepted for the college, decide where they would go," Mr. Strawford said.

The Visual Arts committee was responsible for obtaining the sculpture located in Manera Court.

Mr. Fraser retains his position with the Hennepin Art gallery as its secretary-treasurer and spokesman. The two organizations are not connected with each other.

CARSA helps victims of sexual assault, rape

By BETH SWINIMER
Staff Writer

Sexual assault is the fastest rising crime of violence against the person. Sexual abuse of children is estimated to be many times greater than the reported cases of physical abuse of children

Until recently, attention has been focused on the apprehension and punishment of the offender, but the Committee Against Rape and Sexual Assault (CARSA) is directing its services to the victims of assault—men, women and children—and their contingent problems.

CARSA is a group of concerned people who offer assistance and information to victims of sexual assaults and their families. Its members are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to meet crisis situations and provide speakers, audio-visual and written material to interested groups.

CARSA volunteers operate the Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre in the Community Resources Centre, 5017 Victoria Ave., Niagara Falls, which serves the region from Grimsby to Fort Erie. CARSA also has a small library of material available through appointment on rape, sexual assault and related topics.

DEVELOPED KIT

The co-operative care program, which has been operating since September, 1978, has introduced a sexual assault evidence kit into eight regional hospitals. The kit, developed in co-operation with the Niagara Regional Police, has received high commendation for its effectiveness from the Centre of Forensic Sciences in Toronto.

The kit ensures evidence is standardized and uniform to give rape victims a greater chance of being heard in court. The conviction rate for rape is lowest for crimes against the person. It is easier to get a conviction for sexual assault, which, simply defined, is anything other than rape "by either sex against either sex," Else Poulsen, a volunteer with CARSA, said.

Full of swabs, containers and plastic bags—everything the hospital will need to collect evidence—the kit is shipped to the forensic centre after the victim's examination to be tested and documented for use in court.

The other aspect of CARSA is the information sharing program, whose primary purpose is to increase community awareness of sexual assault issues through speaking engagements and written articles.

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Krista Wright (left) and Kathy Simpson show samples of their creations. (Photo by Smith)

Interior design students profit from art interest

For Krista Wright and Kathy Simpson, the world of interior design goes a lot further than dreaming up new and innovative designs for houses.

It instead includes paintings, drawings and sketches, all hand done and created by them.

Krista and Kathy are third year interior design students who have taken up a sideline to their school work—travelling to different art shows to display their work.

They display a variety of art, from pen and ink drawings to watercolor paintings and have been at various shows throughout the peninsula.

Krista, 21, and Kathy, 21, got their interest in art from public school and have turned the interest into a business. They displayed some of their work at the February Celebrate Canada Festival.

They have been partners for about two years, and feel the interior design program adds to their art work.

Part of their course includes a need for creativity and the "good sense of design" they get from the program helps them with their paintings and sketches, Kathy said.

Kathy hopes to become an interior designer after graduating while Krista has a job lined up with a design firm in Williamsville, N.Y.

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Film, discussion shocks audience, child abuse prevalent problem

By BETH SWINIMER
Staff Writer

The shock of seeing a mother mercilessly pounding her infant child was mirrored in the faces of a group of Niagara College students and members of the public attending a seminar on child abuse during the Celebrate Canada Festival.

The film, Twelve and a Half Cents, starring local Canadian film star Jackie Burroughs, was a film of abuse and failure, John Hartman, department head of Family and Children Services (FACS) for the Niagara Region, said.

"It's a film of failure of a family to protect its members from abuse, of social service agencies to effectively intervene in families where child abuse is suspected, and of society to develop children to their full potential."

The film was followed by a panel discussion by members of the Interprofessional Committee on Child Abuse in the Niagara peninsula, originally co-ordinated by Mr. Hartman in 1977. The areas of education, child welfare services, law enforcement and health care were represented by members of the panel.

"KNOW WELL"

Betty Curan, child abuse case worker for FACS, outlined the characteristics of child abuse "we all know very well." She said that everyone has the potential to abuse a child under the right circumstances and given enough stress, although certain lifestyle patterns are evident in most child abusers.

Gary Nicholls, Niagara Regional Police, said he sees the short comings of the judicial system in dealing with child abuse and that the film emphasized his own frustration in

He said the root of the problem lies "at the heart of the philosophy of the judicial system that handling the problem.

builds into itself protections for the accused person so the innocent will not be convicted."

Mr. Nicholls said he was taught "he who alleges the fact must prove it beyond a reasonable doubt," which often forces agencies to return a child to a potentially dangerous situation or keeps them from getting a child out of a suspected abusive home.

David Riguere of the Lincoln County Board of Education, Special Education division, said teachers are in an ideal situation to observe abused children because they can see "patterns of behaviour and daily physical appearance better than neighbors and friends."

$1,000 FINE

Under the new Child Welfare Act, which comes into effect April 1, all professionals must report cases of suspected child abuse to the proper authorities or be fined a maximum of $10,000. No action will be taken against a professional reporting suspected abuse unless the report is filed maliciously.

Public health nurse Jean Robertson said public health nurses have a definite role to play in the detection of abused children because they see the family through all stages of the child's development, beginning during the pre-natal period. She said nurses soon learn the "indicators" of abusive parents, and that 40 to 60 per cent of child abuse occurs with mothers under 20.

The film, Twelve and Half Cents, which so shocked the audience, depicted a young married woman, herself an abused child, who lashed out at her two children because of her poor relationship with her unemployed husband and her substandard living conditions. Her abuse of the children eventually leads to their death, and the film showed how neighbors and professionals failed either to recognize the problem or to find a solution.

Many of those attending the seminar left the college's Secord Room with a feeling of dismay at the prevelance of child abuse in all classes of society but somewhat relieved to learn that both federal and provincial governments and local agencies are beginning to co-ordinate efforts to alieviate this social problem.

Dietitian says

Poor eating habits can affect studies

By CHERYL GARD
Staff Writer

Junk food junkies could turn into flunkies because of their poor eating habits.

Vi Knebel, consulting dietitian for Niagara Frontier Caterers, said poor nutrition can affect a student's concentration and decrease his or her "ability to benefit from the college program."

She is particularly concerned about students who "don't eat breakfast and eat a minimal lunch."

Mrs. Knebel, wife of Emil Knebel of the school of technology, said there is much more obesity among college students now than five or 10 years ago.

Although more people are aware of the importance of a proper diet than a few years ago, "I don't think they're doing as much about it."

Mrs. Knebel said the college cafeteria offers "a great choice" of nutritional foods at a reasonable price. In addition, vending machines in the Hennepin, Voyageur, MacKenzie, Merritt and Simcoe buildings contain sandwiches, fruit and salads. A microwave oven on the first floor of the Simcoe building is available for hot meals after cafeteria hours.

VENDING MACHINES

Vending machines also contain nutritious between-meal snacks, such as peanuts, sunflower seeds, granola bars, raisins and cheese and crackers. Potato chips and chocolate bars are also available but Mrs. Knebel said they contain empty calories, which provide few of the necessary vitamins and minerals.

Mrs. Knebel, who also does private consultations with people who must have special diets because of medical conditions, said obesity increases the chances of cardiovascular disease, stroke, high blood pressure and diabetes.

It can also be a contributing factor in gallstones, varicose veins, arthritis and post-operative complications because the extra weight overtaxes body organs. Mrs. Knebel said the mortality rate doubles for people 30 to 50 per cent overweight.

REGULAR EXERCISE

If you're trying to lose weight, Mrs. Knebel suggests a sensible eating pattern combined with a regular exercise routine. A walk for a few minutes each day is much more beneficial than one big walk once a week.

She warned that fad diets, such as the liquid protein diet, are very dangerous if they are used just by themselves, because they lack many important nutrients. Just counting calories can also be unwise, unless you are careful to get a proper balance of the right foods.

The only successful diet is one that retrains the eating pattern.

Motivation is the "big thing" in solving poor eating habits and starting on the road to better health.

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Ambulance students build prize sculpture

An ambulance arrived in front of Hennep in Hall Feb. 15 to assist in "The Birth of Canada Under Pierre," the theme of the Celebrate Canada Festival's prize-winning sculpture. The Ambulance and emergency Care students placed first with a score of 82.3 per cent and collected a $50 prize. The idea of the sculpture was to illustrate a breech birth, an abnormal birth where a baby is born feet first.

(Photo by Byng)

Brock plans May workshop for 72 college nurses

Seventy-two community college nurses will live in residence for three days and have some homework to do during their professional development workshop at Brock University in St. Catharines May 6 to 9.

The conference opens Sunday evening with a wine and cheese party and will end with breakfast with Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, Wednesday morning. Miss Robarts is scheduled to speak on college health services.

BUS TOUR

A bus tour of the blossom route and dinner in Niagara-on-the-Lake is scheduled Tuesday for the visiting community college nurses.

A panel discussion on updating standards of nursing practices in college health service settings will include Jean Dalziel, College of Nurses in Toronto; Dorothy Doyle, counsellor at the Mack Centre of Nursing in St. Catharines, and Janet Arnott, co-ordinator of health record programs at Niagara College, Monday morning.

Gordon McPherson and Morris Bosey, counsellors in student services at Niagara, will present a workshop on stress management and Dr. Eileen Alexander, of St. Catharines will speak on sexuality counselling.

Marian Kerr, college nurse, is conference chairman. The conference, in its 11th year, was held at Cambrian College in Sudbury last year.

Seburn learns from exchange

Learning never ends. That's what Isabelle Seburn, assistant director in nursing for surgical education and infection control, is finding out these days.

Ms Seburn is in service at the Shaver Hospital, St. Catharines, for the next six months in an exchange position. The new arrangement resulted from one of Shaver's administrative and teaching personnel going on maternity leave.

Ms Seburn, who usually is limited to classroom instruction at Mack Nursing Education Centre, is finding her new responsibilities, "very exciting and challenging with never a dull moment." She is combining classroom instruction and clinical activity.

Responsible for in service co-ordination, Ms Seburn is involved mainly with graduate students on all levels of the hospital staff. Ms Seburn is taking over the administrative duties while Dawn Kalielief, a Shaver staff nurse, is substituting at the Mack Centre. The exchange was instituted because Ms Seburn had the necessary administrative experience needed.

The position was posted for applications. Ms Seburn felt it was a "good opportunity to see things from the hospital point of view not just the educational. I'm going to be able to use the experience in my classroom instruction when I return to Mack."

College will offer public relation course

A course designed to help plan public relations goals and promotion techniques will be offered by the continuing education division of the school of business at Niagara College beginning today.

John Kirkby, experienced and well-qualified in the public relations field, will discuss 10 topics, from establishing a public relations goal, to planning press visits and exhibitions and to special promotions and specialized audiences. Mr. Kirkby holds memberships in the Canadian Public Relations Society and the International Business Communicatiors Association.

The 10 week course will be of interest to owners and managers, key employees in public relations, advertising sales and marketing departments and executive personnel and officials in both profit and non-profit organizations.

The fee for the course and materials is $50. Registrations are being accepted by mail or in person at the registrar's office, Welland campus. For more information, call the school of business, 735-2211, ext. 451, 384-9760 from St. Catharines and Niagara Falls.

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Thousands attend horticulture Open House ; greenhouses, sales among items of interest

By ROBERT BRODIE
Staff Writer

Thousands of gardening enthusiasts jammed Niagara College's Horticultural Centre in St. Catharines March 10 and 11 to see displays of greenery from different climates, pick up tips on gardening or purchase plants themselves at the centre's 10th annual open house.

Run by the staff and first and second year students, the open house featured work done by the students.

Peter Mansfield, horticulture program co-ordinator, said attendance at the open house was "up from other years."

"The parking lot at Laura Secord Secondary School (across the street) was filled both days, and the streets were lined with cars.

"We estimated 3,500 came last year, but we don't know the total for this year yet. It is up from last year."

He said the show was supposed to close at 4 p.m., but people were still around at 5:45 p.m.

VARIOUS DISPLAYS

People in attendance saw flora from tropical (78°F), subtropical (60-70°F) and temperate (60°F) climates. House and garden plants were on sale, and a display of succulent (water-retaining) plants, such as cactus, could be seen. A large greenhouse attracted the public.

The second floor had rooms showing insect displays by students and flower arrangements and fried mushrooms were sold. The Niagara Regional Orchid Growers had a display as well.

Another room featured terrariums (bottle gardens) made by the students. They basically survive on their own moisture, with water put in at planting and possibly eight months later.

The Thorold and Garden City Horticultural Societies were enlisting members at the open house, and had accompanying displays in Mr. Mansfield's office.

A pictorial display showing horticulture centre activities, facilities and projects was shown for the public to see.

Students took turns giving information in the greenhouses, selling plants or coffee and doughnuts, working on display rooms on the second floor and directing traffic.

Mr. Mansfield said organization for the open house began last August.

"Students couldn't cut classes, so the only days they could work at it were Thursday afternoons and Fridays. We worked evenings for the last two weeks before hand."

One room with a landscaping display took students three days to set up.

PROUD OF STUDENTS

I'm immensely proud of the job the students did," Mr. Mansfield said. "They worked very hard.'

He said the open house was "geared for the gardener."

"Most of the people here came for the show or to get information. The mass majority of those in attendance were hobby gardeners."

Mr. Mansfield said people came from as far as Buffalo and Toronto to see the open house.

Donna Unrau, a first-year student, said she felt the majority were "average people" who came because they were interested or wanted to ask for information.

EVEN EXPERTS CAME

She said a few experts from Guelph were in attendance, in addition to the orchid society.

Dwarf oranges and lemons could be seen in the temperate house. Nancy Gill, a first-year student, said such plants could be grown in Canada, "but the winter would probably kill them."

She said she had not tasted any of the citrus fruits, but said "they're supposed to be sweet."

Nancy said Tom Ball, a technician at the horticultural centre, tested some of the plants to see "if they are hardy to the climate" and could be marketed.

Bananas, pineapples and coffee plants were growing in the tropical house. Lillian Pang, a first-year student, said these plants "need to be moist" and "wouldn't last" if they were taken out of the greenhouse.

She said the banana tree had been growing for 12 years, and has its yield removed about once every year.

The succulent plant display featured a cactus project by George Shurepa, a second-year student.

START FROM SCRATCH

"He was interested in cactus and did this as one or his major projects," Peter Groves, a first-year student, said. "Some of the cacti were even started from scratch."

Hydroponics, which involves growing without soil, was also on display. Carol Bruder, a first-year student, said all that is necessary in this type of gardening is something to keep the plants steady and water underneath containing chemicals naturally found in other soils.

"Some farms use this completely for all their produce. It's something that will become big as the good soil medium becomes used up through industry and production."

She said the experiment, called the Paul DeBoor Special, involves growing tomatoes.

The landscaped room, set up by the horticulture students, had a bridge with water under and around it, with the floor covered with sod. The room was enhanced by plants from Bakker's Garden, Vineland Station.

Ken LeBlanc, a second-year student, gave samples of herbal teas to the public in the room. They included jasmine and lemon mist.

Plants for sale included pansies, hyacinths, geraniums, ivies, begonias and rhododendrons. Mr. Mansfield said plant sales went "very well indeed."

This cactus display by George Shurepa, a second-year horticulture technician student, was part of the horticulture division's 10th annual open house March 10-11. Some of the cacti were started from scratch. Cacti are succulent plants, meaning they have the ability to retain water.

(Photo by Brodie)

'Already planning Update '80'

Horticultural Update '79 provides gardening tips

The parking lot was jam-packed for two days, with cars parked along the street and not quite filling the church parking lot about a half mile away.

"It was jam-packed for two days," Peter Mansfield, co-ordinator at the horticulture division which planned Horticultural Update '79, said. "We want bigger and better parking lots for next year."

Parking was perhaps the outstanding problem the first annual Horiticultural Update had March 10 when hundreds of gardening enthusiasts attended the 14 seminars.

The Update, held in conjunction with the 10th annual Open House and Spring Flower Show, was held at Laura Secord secondary school in St. Catharines, right across the street from the Horticulture division.

Mr. Mansfield said 23 members of the horticulture industry attended a trade fair held at the same time as the seminars.

He said the trade fair was such a success that it could possibly be extended for two days next year.

The 14 seminars, which were well attended, were delivered by horticulture specialists from across the province.

The $5 registration fee enabled one to attend four seminars and receive a glossy 25-page booklet filled with articles written by the seminar leaders.

Mr. Mansfield said he felt the seminars were well-received and they outlined a full range of topics.

Topics included Home Wine Making by Tom Challen, Rhodondendrons and their Relatives by Arthur Oslach, and Home Landscaping by Vern Brimsmead, a landscape architect from St. Catharines.

Mr. Mansfield said he hopes the Update would be the first of many.

"We're already planning Update '80."

Mr. Mansfield added that he is immensely proud of the job the students did. "They worked very hard."

News to supply photos

The Niagara News will be supplying photographs of the Celebrate Canada Festival for a story to appear in the national publication, College Canada.

The story, written by festival convenor Gail Hilyer and co-ordinator Sylvia Baago, will appear in the Association of Canadian Community Colleges' magazine.

The text will be submitted in English and French and is expected to appear in the April issue.

"We're aiming to have it published in April," Ms Hilyer said. The story has been sent to Jacqueline Robarts, college president, for final approval.

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MPP tells Retraining group not to expect quick changes

By PETER EPP
Staff Writer

Retraining students at the Welland Vale Centre in St. Catharines were told last Wednesday they can expect no immediate change in government policy concerning allowance cutbacks, late cheques and the diversified income levels in Canada.

Mel Swart, NDP member of parliament for Welland-Thorold, said, "We cannot change the problems you are experiencing until the present government is changed."

He told the crowded cafeteria, "Unless you can get a change in the economy and government, there will be no change in your problems, I'm afraid."

He said the present government caters to large corporations rather than the Canadian people. "We can no longer base our economic decisions on whether industries threaten to move, or if there is a profit in an industry. Decisions must be made on the basis of employment and the Canadian people — not profit!"

Mel Swart, NDP MPP for Welland-Thorold, chats with Ted Cyr, construction forming instructor, at the Welland Vale Centre in St. Catharines. Mr. Swart was invited by the retraining students to answer any questions they might have on the unemployment insurance cutback. (Photo by Epp)

Mr. Swart appeared at the Welland Vale Centre to answer questions from retraining students on the two-month-old unemployment insurance cutbacks which directly affect their weekly allowances.

He cited the problem of budget deficits as the main reason for cutbacks, not only retraining allowance, but mother's allowance for retraining students, and general cutbacks all over.

One student asked Mr. Swart if he could live on $60 a week — the allowance given to students without dependents.

"I wouldn't live on it and neither should anyone else," he said, and cited the example of Saskatchewan which, "through the NDP government, has a guaranteed income of $9,000 a year for a family of four."

Mr. Swart was the second of three area politicians scheduled to speak to the retraining students about the cutbacks which came into effect Jan. 7.

Students, teachers put heads together to avoid leaving

Students and instructors at Niagara's Mack Centre of Nursing are putting their heads together to co-ordinate their education and job opportunities without having to leave Canada. A workshop on openings in the medical fields nurses are trained for has found that demand for nurses in Canada and Ontario may help to stem the flow southward that has prevailed in recent years.

Since the long-run trends are unpredictable at the moment, graduating and near-graduating nurses must be able to fit into the stream of jobs in areas that may not be directly related to their formal education.

"It helps to prepare us for more diversified approaches to the job market," Kim Schmidt, nursing student, said. "Opportunities we might have overlooked are being pointed out for us to consider. Rather than everyone moving to the U.S., it's better to keep our educated people here, especially in service areas such as medicine."

Although no concrete jobs were offered in the session, students received an idea of where they could begin to look for openings and the best ways of presenting themselves in interviews.

Like all students graduating today, nurses are not assured a job. However, with a better understanding of the entire process and the "excellent training" received at Niagara, Mack's graduates may have the upper hand in finding and keeping those few and precious jobs.

Art gallery to open before end of term

The Hennepin Art Gallery will be opening on Friday, April 6, at 7 p.m., Tom Fraser, secretary-treasurer and spokesman for the group, said.

The gallery, which rents space from the college in Hennepin Hall, will have Toronto-based artist Angeline Kyba as its first exhibitor. Miss Kyba is a figurative painter.

Lights and partitions have been installed and the opening alleviates the fears of Mr. Fraser who feared it would not be able to open before the college completed its winter term.

"We're looking to serve a particular area," Mr. Fraser said, "the Port Colborne, Pelham and Welland areas." The gallery will be showing local art by professionals and non-professional artists to expose the community to the different goings-on in art.

The gallery hopes it can be open seven days a week and there will be no admission charge. The money needed to run the gallery will come from government grants and membership fees.

There will be no permanent displays at the gallery and the showinmgs will vary from month to month.

Katimavik unique for Canadians

By RON HOLLA
Staff Writer

The 17 young people came from across Canada in response to the advertising campaign's call for "young Canadians with stamina." They spend 40 hours a week clearing land, assisting teachers and helping senior citizens — all for a "daily stipend of $1 a day."

Lakefield, Ont., is the home for 17 participants in Katimavik, an Inuit word meaning meeting place and a federal government project whose goal is to bring together young Canadians to work on a task which will challenge their strength, minds and hearts.

The nine-month program is a definite challenge for those who enter it — the $1 a day and $1,000 honorarium at the program's end are the only rewards for hours of hard work which includes clearing land for a deer yard and clearing ski trails in a forest. As well, each person must learn to live and share with group members from across Canada.

Despite long hours, low pay, poor facilities on many of their sites and inevitable squabbles among people, Dan Cross, 18, Fort Erie, summed up the feelings of the group:

UNIQUE PROGRAM

"Getting to know people is an indescribable experience. I call this program unique."

Members of the project had different reasons why they joined Katimavik. Dan said he thought of going to either Canada World Youth or Katimavik and he applied to both.

"I wanted to get into either one," he said. "They really seemed to interest me because I wanted to be away on my own. I didn't really want to go to grade 13."

Laurine Harniman, 22, Toronto, said she wanted to try something different and to try different jobs. Norma-Jean Laing, 19, Peterborough, said she was "sick and tired" of school and she wanted to see areas of Canada she had never seen before.

The Lakefield project site is the third for this group. They spent three months in Coaticook, Que., and three months in Powell Rivers, B.C., before coming to Lakefield Feb. 1. During this time, they worked on a waterwheel, a solar greenhouse, television communications and assisted community organizations.

TWO MAJOR PROJECTS

The group has two major projects before it — clearing land for a deer yard and helping put on Lakefield's Maple Sugar Festival, Michel Mathieu, a group leader, said. They will also assist primary and nursery school teachers, librarians and senior citizens.

Katimavik, in addition to working with and serving a community, also tries to create a desire to use alternate technology, proper nutrition and both official languages. Michel said some of these goals are being fulfilled by his group members.

"For example nutrition — people have learned a lot about junk food," he said in an interview at the Katimavik home. "As well the group members are starting to open up to each other."

But other goals are not being fulfilled as well as they could be.

"Work on one objective, learning the other official language, could be a lot better," Michel said. "It depends on the group."

SIMPLE, BASIC

Project members are promised "simple and basic" living conditions "emphasizing self sufficiency" and "alternative ways of living" in an introductory brochure and a brief glance around their home revealed just that.

Canada World Youth, Joie de Vivre and Participaction posters hung on the walls and old furniture and mattresses filled the rooms. Supper consisted of lentil soup, chicken and whole wheat bread with soya butter and entertainment was a night spent singing different songs.

The group is exposed to different issues in Canadian society and it spends time trying to increase its awareness of these issues. One such example was the time the female group members decided to bring home the issue of women's rights to the males with a surprise play.

To smooth out the inevitable tension that arises and to decide what the group is going to do in the future, group meetings are scheduled for Tuesday nights. Any problems which do occur between meetings are placed on an agenda and left for the next meeting, Dan said.

PLAY GAMES

The group also plays games on Monday night with one purpose in mind — to get to know each other better. These games are not ordinary games, but allow people to comment on things they see in themselves and other people.

"One such game was one in which four people were placed in a group," Dan said. "Each person would be asked three or four questions such as how much he knew about himself, how much others knew about him and how much he hid from others. Your find out a lot about somebody that way."

Different experiences stand out in the minds of group members. Dan said working on the Festival Du Lait (Milk Festival) on their first project site in Quebec stood out for him.

"It was right at the start of the program during training camp," he said. "We made a float and sold balloons. It was a good way to get to know each other."

Laurine said she enjoyed painting a wall mural in a daycare centre in British Columbia while Norma-Jean said she really enjoyed her 19th birthday party.

Each experience has changed the group members and the kind of person who is emerging as one who can see things "a little more objectively," Michel said.

"The project made a lot of pressure, but the people seem to have more strength. They know how to handle situations and their basic attitudes towards others have changed."

CRNC survey gets results

The results of a survey determining the listening habits and opinions of Niagara College towards CRNC, the campus radio station, will be available next week, Robert Young, marketing instructor, said.

Thirty advertising students conducted 10 interviews each on campus last week and will analyse the results in class. Tabulations are done by computer.

Questions in the survey included student ratings of the news and special events broadcasts, music selections and preferences, when and where the student was most likely to hear the radio and whether the sound level and quality was sufficient. Students were also asked for any suggestions to improve radio programming.

A similar study was done last year, Mr. Young said.

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Engineering law hurts technicians

By MARY KOZIELLO
Staff Writer

Legislation governing the Professional Engineers' Act is outdated as it prevents technologists and technicians from practising engineering to full capacity, Bill Montgomery, president of the Ontario Association of Certified Egineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT), said.

Speaking to about 100 students in the Hamilton Room March 9, Mr. Montgomery said community college technology students in Ontario have been trained to do certain work but when they enter the professional world, they find that only engineers are qualified in specific areas.

"A step in the right direction" is what Mr. Montgomery called the professional regulations of a recently released staff study which indicated that licensing has been more extensive than is necessary for protection of the public.

The report recommends that employees of the government, industry and commercial firms be allowed to do the work now restricted to licensed professional engineers except where involvement of a licensed professional is specifically required.

Another recommendation is that for building design, licences be mandatory except for those buildings exempted from professional supervision requirements under the Ontario Building Code.

OACETT feels however that the staff study does not go far enought. Mr. Montgomery said, "we would like to see some recognition in law either by licensing or deregulation.

NO EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS

He suggested that there be no exclusive rights to practise in law for anyone and that a spectrum of protective titles, which describes the capabilities of practitioners, be enforced. The titles should be informative and allow the public to choose the best practitioner for the job.

He recommended that the government must reassert its authority with regard to standards in colleges and universities. He also proposed a Physical Sciences Board comprising of professionals who would assist the government with protective titles.

Besides the Professional Engineers Act, Mr. Montgomery said the Industrial Safety Act is restricting as it specifies that certain work must be done by a professional engineer.

Such laws "predate technicians and technologists," he said, as they were written before the advent of community colleges.

The formal emergence of technicians and technologists came with the Diploma of Technology programs at Ryerson Institute of Technology. And in 1966 the government established the Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology. Such institutions now graduate some 1,300 engineering technologists annually.

60% OVERLAP

Mr. Montgomery said most technologists do work which falls in the engineers' domain. "O research indicates the amount of overlap between what an engineer can do and what a technician is capable of doing lies in the area of 60 per cent." With such an overlap Mr. Montgomery wondered how a licence could be given to one and not the other.

"The Engineering Technologist," a 1975 study for the ministry of colleges and universities, stated: "In their search for professional status, engineering technologists must overcome many conflicting factors. It must be remembered that the majority of teachers of engineering technologists are professional engineers, for whom it might often be difficult to encourage a spirit of professionalism in students who, if they do achieve professional recognition, will compete directly with their own professional colleagues for employment."

Wilma Morrison, public relations officer for OACETT said in a report that in the 22 colleges of applied arts and technology, 19 of the Deans of Chairmen of Technology are professional engineers, as are 11 of the Presidents. The colleges are teaching engineering.

Ms Morrison said the OACETT has no quarrels with professional engineers per se but rather with the legislation governing the practice of engineering. College personnel are divided, she said; some are supportive of their graduates, some are not, and most have a "wait and see" attitude.

Dr. W.R. Stuart, dean of the School of Technology, is a professional engineer, who is supportive of OACETT. In a letter to Ms Morrison he stated that, "I believe that the practice of engineering in Ontario should be regulated by a provincial licensing board which would allow engineering technologists and engineers to practice engineering to the extent of their knowledge and competence. However, that knowledge and minimum competence should be ascertained by a thorough review of academic credentials, a minimum time of approved and satisfactory apprenticeship in the field of competence and a rigid, thorough extensive written examination, all to be administered by the licensing board."

Mr. Montgomery said it is "a shallow argument" on the part of engineers who tell technologists to go to university to become fully recognized.

Three-way tie — business students receive $150 IBM secretarial scholarships

Three Niagara College business students were presented with IBM Scholarship Awards for "outstanding proficiency in secretarial subjects" Feb. 22.

Anne Niklaus and Yasmin Kasmani, both second-year secretarial arts, and Domenica Cricenti, first-year secretarial stenotypist, shared the award which is presented annually to graduating secretarial students at community colleges. Each student received $150 to be used towards future school expenses.

Rick Steele, senior marketing specialist with IBM, presented the awards to the three women in the typing offices. He said it was the second year it was presented to a student at Niagara College; this year there was a three-way tie.

"It is given at each community college to the student (s) achieving the best marks," Mr. Steele said. "We don't pick the students — we leave that up to the discretion of the instructors at the college."

Graduating students in the four secretarial programs at Niagara were eligible for the awards.

Rick Steele of IBM presents awards to (left to right) Domenica cricenti, Anne Niklaus, and Yasmin Kasmani, all secretarial graduates. (Photo by Brodie)

George Repar: Canada Works offers students summer jobs

George Repar, Niagara College counsellor, is trying to find a summer job. It won't be for himself, but rather his students and other unemployed youth this summer.

A member of the 1979 Young Canada Works program ministerial advisory board, Mr. Repar is putting his head together with others from the community, including students, a member of Parliament and representatives from the Canada employment centre and the job creation branch.

"There's over $200,000 worth of job creation programs which could spin off into 80 to 90 jobs," in addition, there's the province's Experience '79 which is pumping more into the area. The senior government levels are definitely trying to create jobs," Mr. Repar said.

The Young Canada Works program is designed to provide summer employment opportunities for students through employment-generating projects. Programs concentrate on providing a quality work experience. Aims are to develop skills, work habits, and relate education to career goals. The community also benefits through the services and facilities, or by improvement of the physical, social and cultural environment.

This year's program has a $55.5 million budget which is expected to create more than 35,000 jobs throughout Canada in the Young Canada Works sector.

Applications for programs are sent to Toronto where they are numbered and returned for review to the ministerial advisory board and the job creation branch offices. Recommendations are then made to Canadian immigration and employment for acceptance.

"Let's just hope the grants being sought do come through as jobs for the young people of our area," Mr. Repar said.

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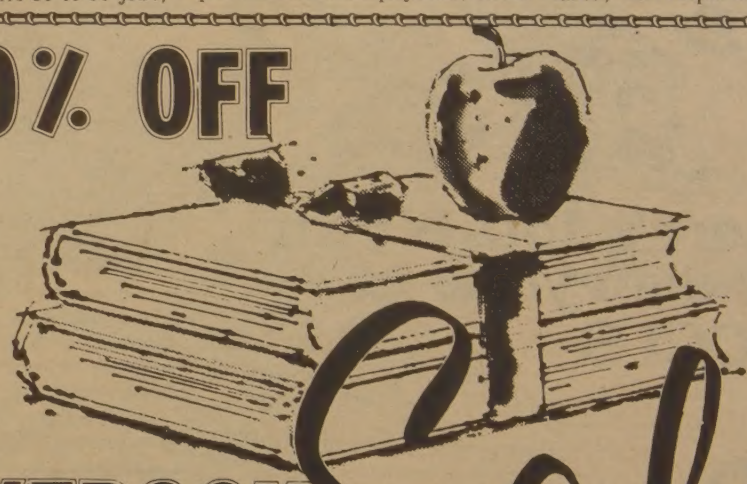

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Hey, shutterbugs! Photo contest on

Avid picture-snappers, take note, The second annual Niagara College photography contest will give you a chance to show off those favorite snapshots.

Open to amateur student photographers only, the contest is divided into four categories. All photographs are to be 8 in. by 10 in. or larger of a nature shot, including landscape, animals or any other kind of natural presentation; a portrait-styled picture of anyone or anything; any type of photograph that may seen in a local newspaper or magazine with accompanying caption explaining the picture and a close-up picture that will fit in any of the above categories.

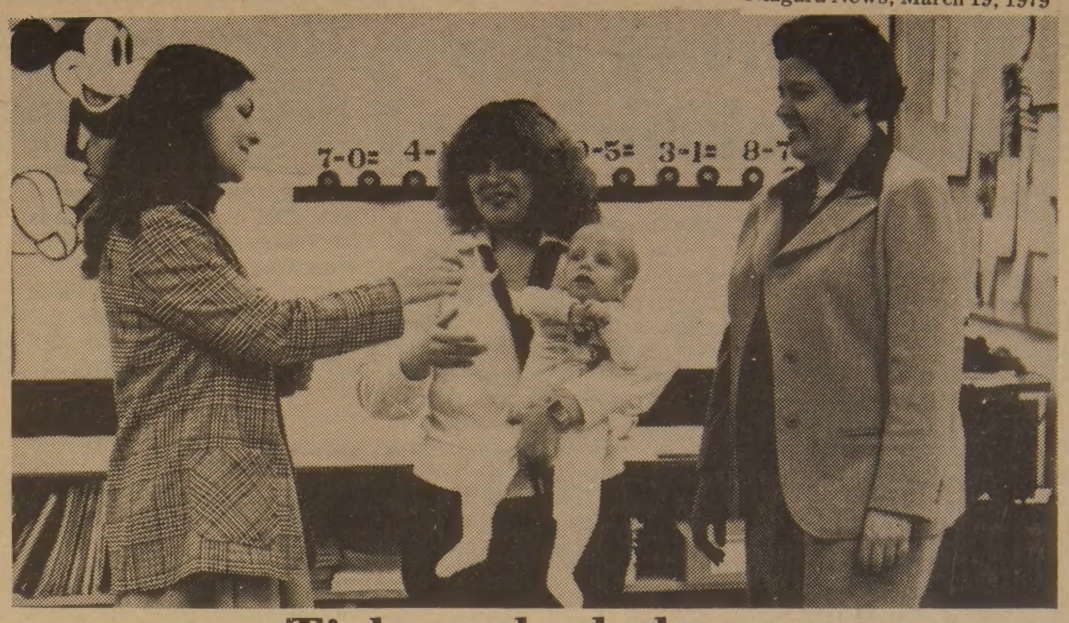
All divisions are open to black and white as well as color photographs, with one color photograph and one black and white photograph the maximum number by a person in each category.

Prints, handed in to the contest in a plain envelope with the person's name on it, must have the contestant' given entry number on the lower right-hand corner (reverse side). A print will not be judged if the contestant's name is on it. All entrants must be able to present the corresponding negative at the request of the officials.

Entry forms are available at the SAC office, ME 101, with an entry fee of $1 per print with a one print maximum. Deadline for entries is March 20.

Prints will be judged on originality, contrast, value and composition. Contest officials have not been chosen.

All winning prints are subject to public display.



Ticket sales help tot

Nora Allaster, educational resource technician student [left], presents a cheque for $1,159.75 to Bonnie Shantry, mother of two-year-old Adam, born with heart defects and needing the use of a diagnostic heart machine. The money will be donated to Help A Child's Heart Beat, a campaign raising money for this machine for the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children. Ms Allaster led the campaign at the college by having a silver collection day and selling tickets for a set of cookware. Jacqueline Robarts, college president [right], picked the winner, Giselle O'Keefe of Welland, last Thursday.

(Photo by Ventresca)

French course this summer

With summer approaching, students are again faced with the dilemma of job-hunting. An alternative to working this summer is available through a six-week French immersion program at Trois Rivierieres, Que.

Offered through L'Ecole Internationale de Francais de l'Universite de Quebec, the program runs from May 7 to June 15 and a second program from July 2 to August 10.

The program is open to any student who has completed 12 years of formal education or to any teacher of French as a second language.

Bursaries and government aid are offerd to students to cover most expenses during the six-week program. Students must apply for bursaries by writing : W.H. Clarkson, director of student awards, 8th Floor, Mowat Block, Queen's Park Toronto.

Trois Rivieres, half-way between Montreal and Quebec city, is 95 per cent French-speaking and is an ideal place for French immersion.

The program involves students in 45 hours a week of classroom sessions, social activities and project activities. Accommodation for students is available near the university and students take their meals at the university cafeteria.

Three-hour morning sessions five days a week in the classroom will be provided. There will be eight students per teacher. Fifteen hours of social immersion activities such as touring Trois-Rivieres and other cities and 15 hours of project acitivities such as writing a newspaper and play acting will make up the 45-hours a week program.

The program is regarded as total immersion in French language and students who speak English are penalized 25 cents which goes towards a French language scholarship.

A student attending the immersion program acquires a knowledge of French vocabulary and grammatical structures, a better understanding of the French people in Quebec and is in contact with francophones during immersion activities.

Students wanting to learn more about the Trois-Rivieres program or any other French summer program should contact Marcella Therrien, French instructor, in portable two.

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Wright on industrial board

Willard Wright, applied arts instructor, is serving consumers as a member of the board of directors of the Regulated Industries Policy board.

The board acts as liaison for consumers and represents them before governmental bodies.

He has been a member of the board of directors of the Consumers' Association of Canada (Ontario) for the past five years. Last June he was appointed by the association to serve on the regulated industries policy board.

Mr. Wright was appointed to the body by the national executive of the Consumers' Association of Canada and attended a three-day meeting of the board in Toronto last November.

Job competition keener placement officer says

Jobs for this year's Niagara graduates are "still there," but the competition is a lot keener, Ken Anderson, placement officer, said.

When applying for a job, the student must sell himself "because the employer can afford to be selective."

Graduates must also be prepared to be mobile, Mr. Anderson said. Students who are unwilling to move from the peninsula "cut down their chances of getting a job."

Many employers are "prescreening" applicants by selecting the people they want to interview according to the application forms. Mr. Anderson said the application form should be free of spelling and grammatical errors so as to create a good first impression.

Mr. Anderson said he tries to get around to the graduating classes to give them advice on seeking employment. Information on application letters and resumes are also available in many English courses and in the Style Guide, available in the book store.

He feels Niagara College has made a name for itself in the community and its graduates fill a definite need.

"We've been in existence for 11 years now, and I think we've made employers cognizant of what we have to offer.

Field placement is another advantage of the college system because "it stresses the performance of the student (to the employer) and lets the student know what the job is all about."

Directories of company names and addresses and other information on job hunting are available at the placement offices.

Record 120 apply for college theatre program

Niagara College Theatre Centre has received a record 120 applications as of March 10 because of Niagara's efforts to publicize the program and recommendations from professional theatre companies, John Rapsey, theatre arts program co-ordinator, said.

The large number of applications surpasses the previous record of 93 applications received last year. There are officially 40 positions open in first year.

To publicize the program, the college sent information to all high schools in Canada and theatre faculty members gave workshops in high schools across the peninsula.

"We're also getting good representation from professional theatre companies who are telling students this is the program to be in," Mr. Rapsey said.

Most applications are from outside the peninsula, with many coming from Ottawa, Sarnia, London and northern Ontario. People "from Nova Scotia to Alberta" have applied as well.

Faculty members have begun interviewing 35 to 40 applicants a week and they are looking for "highly motivated, mature people."

"We want people who really understand what they are getting into," Mr. Rapsey said. "We also look for talent in some technical area of the theatre and self discipline."

Trainees visit

A group of secondary school trainees from Brock University will visit Niagara College March 30 to get a first-hand look at the trainee opportunities programs and resources of a community college.

They will tour the schools of business, applied arts, applied science and technology and health sciences, where selected staff will guide them through designated areas.

One avid frisbee thrower takes a break during the action at last weekend's tournament to practise his twirling technique.

(Photo by Wilson)

College frisbee team place 2nd in tourney

The Niagara College Frisbee team combined one second and two third-place finishes at the Ontario University Frisbee Championships to walk off with second place over-all in the tournament.

The team, known as the Out of Control Club, finished second in the guts competition and third in the ultimate and freestyle competitions to take second place at the fourth annual tournament held at Brock University March 10 and 11.

Although the club was competing against universities, team organizer Matt McCormick feels they could have done even better.

"Actually, we're a bit disappointed," he said. "But we will be ready for them next year. We pulled a few surprises on them because we beat the Brock B and C teams and came really close to their A team."

The club's second place finish in the guts competition came after they were edged by the Brock A team 24-22.

GUTS GAME

The guts game pits two five-man teams against each other. The teams throw the frisbee at each other, and if the opposition cannot make a clean one-handed catch, it forfeits a point. The game is played to 21 points and the winner must have a two-point victory margin.

The Niagara team specializes in guts, and it was "only one throw that beat us," Matt said.

The freestyle competition, in which Niagara came third, is the classical free-moving frisbee event. Players use any kind of throw they want and are judged by fellow competitors for agility, smoothness. originality and complexity.

"We could have done better if we had applied ourselves," Matt said of the freestyle competition.

It was his first freestyle match and he had to get over the influence of the crowd before he could concentrate on the game.

The team has already made plans for next year and will enter a weekend competition in Ann Arbor, Mich., in April.

The best in the world will be at the Michigan tournament, Matt said. "It's what these guys do for a living."

While the Niagara team may have finished second at Brock, "We played ourselves into the ground," Matt said.

Literary council needs volunteers

Niagara Regional Literacy Council is looking for volunteers to spend three hours a week helping adults learn how to read and write. Volunteers will be trained and anyone who can read or write and has the time is asked to give their assistance.

All inquiries to the literacy council are kept confidential. Anyone who wants help or wishes to volunteer their help may call 892-6740, 735-6377, 934-8287 or 835-8540.

Admin. jobs available

Students enrolled in business administration or a government-related course wondering about summer employment, might consider "1979 Involvement in Municipal Administration."

The emphasis of the program is on improving municipal expertise in planning and administration areas.

Mr. Anderson said the program is beneficial in three ways. First, it provides summer employment and, second, students get practical experience in the operation of municipal government. And, there is always a chance to get a permanent job upon graduation.

Kenneth Anderson, placement officer, said various municipalities will get funding from the Ontario government with which to employ students in specific projects. "Each municipality will contact the college and they'll insist the students be from the same municipality. That way it's parochial," he said.

For each student employed under the program, the province will reimburse 80 per cent of the student's weekly salary to a maximum of $125 per week, up to the number of weeks approved (maximum - 20 weeks) by the province.

Deadline for applications for this program is April 1, 1979.

Marketing students to study skills needed by area industry

Twelve Niagara College marketing students will head a study for the Ontario Industrial Education Council this term to determine the skills needed by primary manufacturing industries in the Niagara peninsula.

The immigration department has slowed the number of skilled workers entering Canada and are saying Canadians should start developing their own resources, Robert Young, marketing instructor, said. The study will establish current program training methods needed for the next five years.

Funded by the ministry of education, the Niagara Chapter council will be able to recommend to the government such nees as more employer sponsoring and on-the-job training.

A major study has never been done in the peninsula, Mr. Young said. The study is in its preliminary stages, identifying key trades such as plumbing, carpentry and machinery.

Students from the Niagara South and Lincoln County School Boards will also be involved, interviewing approximately 300 industries to obtain equal representation of large and small industries in the area.

Marketing research students in previous years have done similiar studies, but on a much smaller scale. A media study for CHOW, Welland's radio station, smoking and eating habits at Niagara College, and a fitness study have proven successful.

Computer eng. grad

Starts IBM job April 28

Doris Mattie, 21, third-year computer engineering technology student, has accepted a job with IBM in Toronto which will begin April 28.

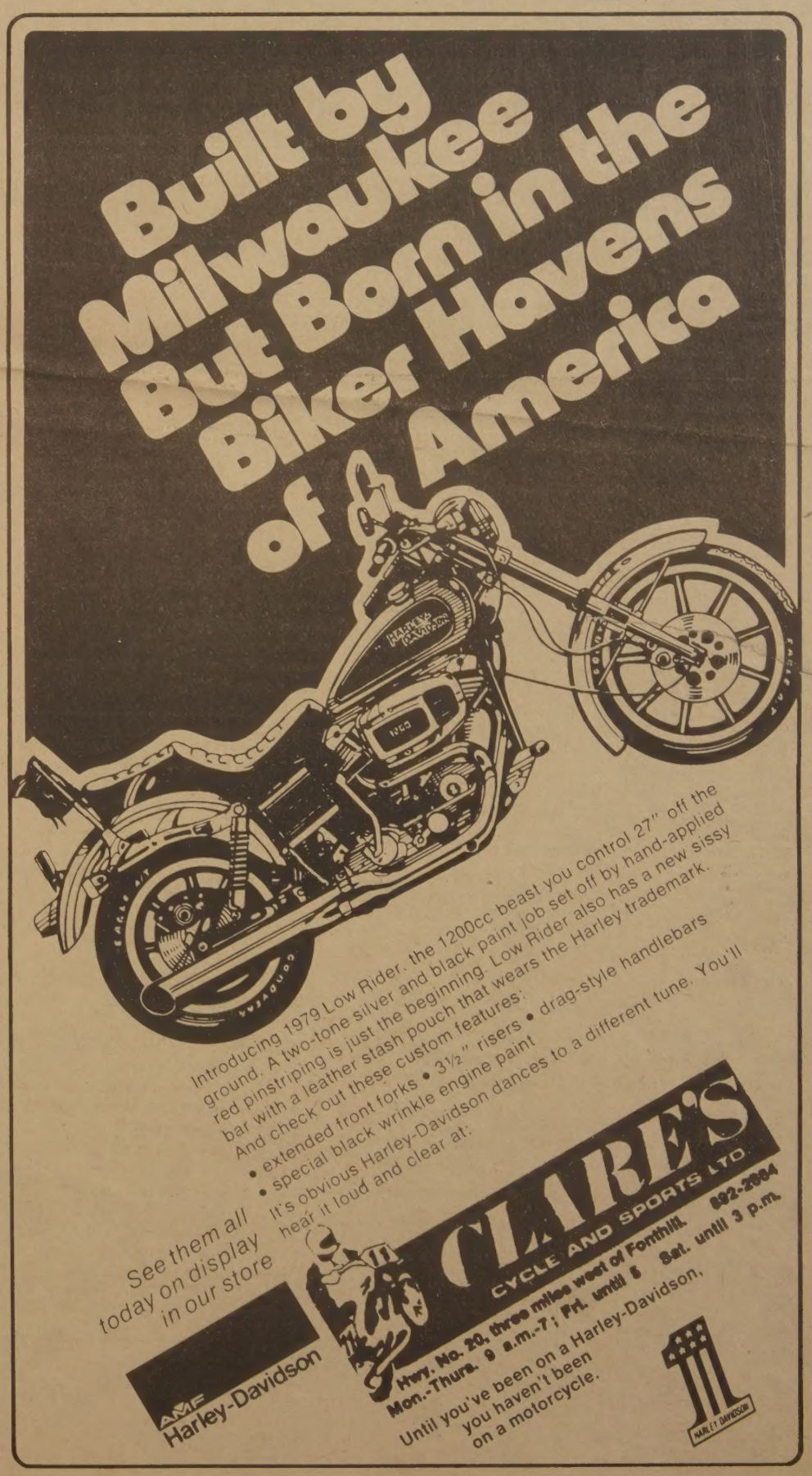
Doris, who will be the first woman graduate in this program, learned of the job through Kenneth Anderson, placement officer.

She, along with eight others, wrote an examination prepared by the IBM people. Only two other students passed Doris was accepted for employment as customer engineer after an interview last Tuesday.

Her duties will be doing repairs on computers. At first, Doris will be working under a senior supervisor. After two to three years, she will be on her own.

Training for this job will include a seven-week course which Doris will start May 3 or 17.

"The move to Toronto will be hard for me, but it has to be done sometime," Doris said.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